of Delhi Police containing, *inter alia*, the allegations that (i) his son was not killed in the encounter but murdered in a planned and organized way; and (ii) on the basis of a forged marriage certificate, the entire family pension and gratuity along with the Gallantry Award have been grabbed by a lady who is claiming to be the wife of his deceased son. However, on enquiry conducted by Delhi Police, the allegations have been found to be false and baseless.

Hampering of anti-naxal operations due to shortage of helicopter pilots

†3424. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that helicopters are not being used in launching anti-naxal movement in naxal affected States due to shortage of pilots;

(b) whether Government have received any information from States in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Helicopters are provided to the naxal affected States mainly for need based movement of police personnel and evacuation of casualties. In the recent past, helicopters have been provided to Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra for such purposes.

Vacancies in various departments of the Home Ministry

3425. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies in various cadres as on 31.3.04 in all the departments under the Ministry;

(b) the number of vacancies filled in during last two years; and

(c) what are the backlog vacancies as on 31.3.2006?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.